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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

Angola, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe: draft resolution

Special assistance to front-line States and other neighbouring States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/163 of 18 December 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on special assistance to front-line States and other neighbouring States, 1/

Welcoming the strengthening of democratic governance and other recent positive developments in the region, including the holding of elections and the installation of a democratic Government in South Africa, the successful implementation of the General Peace Agreement for Mozambique, signed at Rome on 4 October 1992, 2/ which culminated in the holding of multi-party elections in that country, as well as the holding of multi-party elections in Lesotho and Malawi,

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1/ A/49/581.

2/ See S/24635, annex.

Also welcoming the recent positive developments which have taken place in Angola, culminating in the signing of the Lusaka Protocol on 20 November 1994 and the establishment of the agreed cease-fire on 22 November 1994,

Gravely concerned that drought continues to affect some parts of the region of southern Africa,

Conscious of the continuing need and responsibility of the international community to deal with the drought situation and other problems in the region,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his efforts regarding assistance to the front-line States and other neighbouring States;

2. Notes with appreciation the support being rendered to the front-line States and other neighbouring States by donor countries, organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General, the donor countries and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for the invaluable assistance they continue to render towards the alleviation of the serious effects of the continuing drought in the region of southern Africa;

4. Strongly urges the international community to continue to provide, in a timely and effective manner, the financial, material and technical assistance necessary to enhance the individual and collective capacity of the front-line States and other neighbouring States in their efforts towards the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of their economies;

5. Requests the Secretary-General and organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to respond to such requests for assistance as may be made by individual States or the appropriate regional organizations, and urges all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond favourably to such requests;

6. Welcomes the recent positive political developments in Angola, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and South Africa;

7. Appeals to all States and appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to support, in the context, inter alia, of the continuing drought in parts of the region, national and collective emergency programmes prepared by the front-line States and other neighbouring States to overcome their critical humanitarian and emergency problems, taking into account the special circumstances of the most affected countries;

8. Appeals to the international community to extend assistance to the front-line States and other neighbouring States in their efforts to advance the process of regional economic integration as envisaged in the Treaty of 17 August 1992 establishing the Southern African Development Community, which now includes South Africa;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.